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This application is a 371 of PCT/SE03/01142 07/01/2003

## Foreign Applications

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**Projected Publication Date:** To Be Determined - pending completion of Security Review

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

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Binding device

**Preliminary Class**

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### **Application Information**

Application Type::	Regular
Subject Matter::	Utility
Suggested Group Art Unit::	N/A
CD-ROM or CD-R?::	None
Sequence submission?::	None
Computer Readable Form (CRF)?::	No
Title::	BINDING DEVICE
Attorney Docket Number::	SUNDS 3.3-146
Request for Early Publication?::	No
Request for Non-Publication?::	No
Suggested Drawing Figure::	2
Total Drawing Sheets::	5
Small Entity?::	No
Petition included?::	No
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?::	No

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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(Title of the invention)

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